

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-November 27, 2023**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff-President; Justin Gehman-Vice President; Kleon
4 Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr., Ryan Cochran, , Earianne Evangelista, Rebecca Abraham, Max
5 Herman. (Bonnie young and Tonya Haynes not present)

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7 **Others Present:** John McBeth, Mayor; Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Sean Molchany, Asst
8 Borough Manager; Valerie Wagner, Finance Director/Office Manager, Suzanne Lausch, Minute
9 Taker

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11 **Visitors:**

- 12 John Taylor, 216 S 8th St Akron
- 13 Tom Murray Jr. 219 S. 11th St Akron
- 14 Sgt Jordan Byrnes, WEPD
- 15 Katrina Zimmerman, 429 S. Ninth St. Akron
- 16 Sue Glick 119 S. 10th St. Akron
- 17 Larry Alexander, Ephrata Review

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19 **Roll Call**

- 20 Kleon Zimmerman-present
- 21 Paul Swangren, Jr-present
- 22 Ryan Cochran-present
- 23 Bonnie Young-absent
- 24 Nathan Imhoff President-present
- 25 Justin Gehman Vice President-present
- 26 Tonya Haynes-absent
- 27 Mayor John McBeth-present
- 28 Earianne Evangelista, Junior Council member
- 29 Rebecca Abraham, Junior Council member
- 30 Max Herman, Junior Council member
- 31 Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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33 **Approval of Minutes**

- 34 Ryan Cochran made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2023 Council
- 35 Meeting; second by Kleon Zimmerman
- 36 No discussion
- 37 Motion approved

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39 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

- 40 Monica Padgett-US Road Running-Vice President (Zoom)
- 41 Discussion on continuation of the road running in Roland Park
- 42 7th month; third Saturday of every month. 25-35 participants regularly partake of the races.

1 Adding a half marathon course is a possibility in the future. This might increase participation in
2 the race. Discussion related to a cap of participants for the event. Monica recommended a cap
3 of 40-50 participants for the half marathon.

4 Paul Swangren, Jr. asked at what point the half marathon would be included. Monica answered
5 that they would like to begin the half marathon in January.

6 Paul also suggested a possible fee/payment for park rental; possibly having the group rent the
7 lodge building in the park. Monica replied that pay options would be possible. Currently the
8 Lodge is \$200 for the day and a pavilion is \$175.00 for the day. Discussion on pro-rated fees for
9 rentals for the races. Perhaps have a quarterly update from the club next year. Monica offered
10 to send race stats to Sue Davidson. Sue requested updated certificate of insurance.

11 Motion by Kleon Zimmerman to continue U.S Road Running races in Roland Park; second by
12 Justin Gehman

13 Motion carried

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15 Katrina Zimmerman thanked Council for the support of the annual tree lighting and said that
16 this was the best year since inception.

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18 **Zoom-Monica Padgett**

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20 **Bills-nothing**

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22 **Reports/Announcements**

23 *Police-* Report was disturbed to Council and Mayor from Chief Higgins

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25 **Mayor Report**

26 Nothing

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28 **Manager's Report**

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31 **Finance Report**

32 Copy of Proposed Real Estate Tax Ordinance for information purposes was in the Council
33 packets.

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35 **Parks & Property**

36 None. Rosenberger said that Spring 2024 is fine for ribbon cutting for the new pavilion at
37 Colonial Park

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39 **Community Relations**

40 Nothing to report

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42 **Personnel Report**

43 Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned that the Personnel Committee met at 6:00p.m. prior to the
44 Council meeting, but nothing to report at this time.

1 **Streets Report**

2 Ninth St inlet; Sean Molchany got a call from group beginning to install the inlet. Saw cutting
3 was completed last week and work began today.

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5 **Public Utilities Report-**

6 Kleon Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Retainage Payment for the 2022 Sanitary
7 Sewer Replacement Project to Ankiewicz Enterprises Inc. in accordance with the Borough’s
8 Engineer recommendations in an amount not to exceed \$25,573.97; second by Ryan Cochran
9 Motion carried

10 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

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12 **Old Business**

13 Nathan Imhoff commented on the budget regarding the library from 2023 and whether or not
14 to grant the library any extra funds other than the \$10,500 already granted to the Ephrata
15 Public Library. Nathan asked if Council would consider donating the rest of the funds needed to
16 cover the cost of the computer equipment in the amount of approximately \$4,000.00. Nathan
17 requested that this be placed on next meeting’s agenda.

18 **New Business**

19 **A. Resolutions**

20 a. Resolution 23-007

- 21 i. Ryan Cochran made a motion to approve Resolution 23-007
- 22 approving the Borough of Akron, Lancaster County Pennsylvania
- 23 request for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$246,000.00
- 24 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Borough
- 25 Maintenance Building renovations, and designate Susan Davidson,
- 26 Borough Manager/Secretary and Valerie Wagner, Director of Finance
- 27 as the officials to execute all Documents and Agreements between
- 28 the Borough of Akron and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to
- 29 facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant; second by Paul
- 30 Swangren, Jr.
- 31 Motion carried

32 **B. Ordinances**

33 **C. Motions and Decisions**

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35 **D. Acknowledgments**

36 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

- 37 a. Copy of Proposed 2024 Borough Meetings schedule for council members;
- 38 informational only at this time. This item will be on the December 11, 2023
- 39 Council meeting agenda.
- 40 b. Paul Swangren, Jr. made a motion to transfer \$12,500 from the General
- 41 Operating Account to the General Reserves for the Akron Borough Fire Truck
- 42 Reserve; second by Kleon Zimmerman
- 43 Motion carried

1 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

2 **G. Executive Session**

3 **Additional Comment:**

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5 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm by Paul Swangren, Jr. second by Justin Gehman

6 Motion carried

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8 Meeting Adjourned,

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10 Respectfully submitted,

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12 Susan Davidson

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